

Yacht Club seeks new members

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Aided by the island breeze, colorful sailboats break the water's smooth surface as sailing enthusiasts direct their boats into Guantanamo Bay. A scene like this can easily be turned into reality by signing up for membership in the GTMO Yacht Club (GBYC).

The club is currently looking to increase its membership and to help breathe life back into the MWR Sailing Center.

"Historically, this club was part of numerous regattas and competitions," said Lt. Susan Rodriguez, adjutant of GBYC. "We would like to bring that sailing life back to this base and offer events of food, fun and sailing to those interested. By keeping events available we hope to bring more people together with that interest and to be able to revive the spirit of the sailing center."

To become an 'active' member of the GBYC, one must possess an MWR sailing certification. However, anyone without sailing certification can

become an 'associate' member.

"Our meetings are more like gatherings for anyone interested in sailing," said Rodriguez. "Every third Saturday of each month, club needs are addressed by our members."

Rodriguez advises that the best way to take advantage of free sailing lessons and pursue certification is to sign up in person at the Marina with the sailing instructor, Anthony Henry. Lessons are offered from Wednesday through Sunday at 10 a.m. to noon or 2 to 4 p.m. depending on the weather.

"The MWR Marina has sailboats available for rent to those carrying an MWR sailing certification," said Rodriguez. "There are 14 ft., 17 ft. and 22 ft. boats currently available for rent."

Rodriguez adds the Sailing Center is in need of cleaning and painting in addition to repairing and enhancing the center overall.

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One of many sailboats that are berthed near the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sailing Center. Sailboats are rented from MWR for recreation use.



Yard of the Quarter — Mr. and Mrs. Irving Diaz are congratulated by CAPT Mark Leary, NAVSTA Commanding Officer, and Rudy Sammons, Housing Director, after their home was selected as the overall winner for 'Yard of the Quarter.' Mr. and Mrs. Diaz live at Radio Point #729. Congratulations to all who were chosen this quarter.